



## GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 2-3

### The Egyptian Empire

**Directions: Answering Questions** Reading the section and completing the questions below will help you learn about the Egyptian Empire. Refer to your textbook to answer the questions.

1. What city became the capital of the Middle Kingdom?

Thebes

2. What two lands are listed as being captured by Egypt during the Middle Kingdom?

Nubia and Syria

3. In the peaceful period of the Middle Kingdom, what three areas of culture thrived?

art, literature, architecture

4. What advantages in warfare did the Hyksos use to defeat the Egyptians?

horse drawn chariots; weapons made of bronze and iron

5. Who was the Egyptian prince who drove out the Hyksos?

Ahmose

6. What is the name of the period in which Egypt reached the height of its power and glory?

New Kingdom

7. Why did Amenhotep decide to change Egypt's worship of many gods to the worship of one god, Aton?

Priests were gaining too much power - he wanted to gain back power

8. Name the archaeologist who discovered Tutankhamen's tomb.

Howard Carter

9. What valuable items were stored in Egyptian temples?

gold jewelry, treasure, gold masks, sweet-smelling oils, finely woven cloths

10. Which three nations conquered Egypt during the period between 900 B.C. and 670 B.C.?

Libyans, Kush, Assyrians



## VOCABULARY ACTIVITY 2-3

### The Egyptian Empire: Words to Know

**Directions:** Select a term or name from the list to answer each question below. Write the correct term or name in the blank.

Ahmose

Hatshepsut

Ramses II

tribute

Akhenaton

incense

Thutmose III

Tutankhamen

1. What is the term for payments that conquered people were forced to make?  
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2. What Egyptian ruler's reign was the beginning of the period known as the New Kingdom?  
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3. What Egyptian queen was the first woman to rule Egypt in her own right?  
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4. Which pharaoh's armies expanded Egypt's borders to the Euphrates River?  
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5. What is a material burned for its pleasant smell?  
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6. What new name did Amenhotep IV give himself?  
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7. Who was Akhenaton's son-in-law?  
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8. Which pharaoh ruled for 66 years?  
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### Building Academic Vocabulary

**period**, *noun*

Example: Ahmose's reign in Egypt began a **period** known as the New Kingdom.

**Directions:** Answer the following questions about the word *period*.

9. Many English words have more than one meaning. In the example above, what does the word *period* mean?  
 A. portion of time      B. end of a sentence      C. empire      D. series of events
10. Select a topic from the section of your textbook "The Egyptian Empire." Write a sentence on the topic in which you use the word *period*.  
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